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1. PURSUANT TO REFTEL MISSION APPROACHED DAVIDSON SEPTEMBER 15 AND REPEATED US CONCERN OVER SYG'S DRAFT REPORT ON COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT, BUT WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN ASSURANCES DOCUMENT WOULD NOT BE RELEASED BEFORE HIGHER-LEVEL US REPRESENTATIONS COULD BE MADE.

2. REPORT (A/10184) HAS NOW COME OUT ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED. NOTE HOWEVER ELIMINATION OF PARA 24.

3. IN DECIDING HOW TO TRY TO PREVENT THE FORMULA FOR INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP FACTOR SUGGESTED IN THE SYG'S REPORT OR AN EVEN WORSE ONE FROM BEING EVENTUALLY ADOPTED BY THE GA, WE SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT OUR VIEWS ARE SHARED MORE OR LESS VIGOROUSLY BY ALL OTHER MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS. WE HAVE CONSULTED HERE WITH UK, FRANCE, JAPAN, WEST GERMANY, AND USSR. BRITISH, SOVIETS AND JAPANESE MADE DEMARCHES TO THE SECRETARIAT SIMILAR TO OURS AND THE OTHERS HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL

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STRONGLY RESIST ANY CHANGE IN THE MEMBERSHIP FACTOR AS

SUBSTANTIAL AS THAT SUGGESTED BY THE SYG. FURTHERMORE, FIFTH COMMITTEE ABSORPTION IN THE BIENNIAL BUDGET, UNEF/UNDOF AND OTHER MATTERS MAY TEND TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE COMPOSITION QUESTION.

COMMENT: WE INTEND TO WORK WITH LIKE-MINDED DELS TO SEEK DEFERRAL OF ITEM TO 31ST GA. PROSPECTS FOR ACHIEVING THIS NOT YET CLEAR BUT FACT THAT IT IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR LATE IN THE SESSION IS HELPFUL.
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